

ALLIES ARE CLOSING IN ON BAPAUME AND ARE ALSO THREATENING PERONNE BY RAPID ADVANCE OVER WIDE FRONT

Germans Have Been Forced to Give Up Several Towns to the North of Bapaume and Are Being Forced Back West of That Town

BRITISH HAVE CAPTURED 14,000 PRISONERS IN THREE DAYS

There Are Indications That the Allies May Begin New Drive in Lorraine, French Patrols Having Been Busy in That Sector

With the British Army in France, Aug. 24 (by the Associated Press).—Bray is reported to have been captured by the British. Several thousand German prisoners have passed through the cages behind General Byng's third army to-day. No effort to count the guns captured has been made up to this time.

London, Aug. 24, 1 p. m.—British forces are within two miles of Bapaume, according to dispatches received in London to-day. The British third army is advancing rapidly. It has gone forward in some places to the depth of four miles on a front of 12 miles. The British fourth army is on the outskirts of Bray, where heavy fighting is proceeding.

With the British Army in France, Aug. 24 8 a. m.—The battle continued successfully for the allied arms last night. The British advanced everywhere, and the enemy suffered heavy defeats. Achiet-le-Grand was reported taken late yesterday, after heavy fighting. The British advanced beyond Bihucourt. At the same time the British were reported to be still driving the confused Germans before them east of Henin and further south at St. Leger and Ervillers. Sharp fighting has taken place along the Irlas-Grevillers road. The Germans are clinging to Miraumont, on the Ancre northeast of Albert, and are fighting desperately. German prisoners say it was expected by them that the British would stop at the Arras-Albert railroad, and the unexpected success against them had confused the German forces.

Tired and depleted German divisions which have been withdrawn from the battle since Aug. 8 are being rushed back into the fight. Troops from the enemy's strategic reserve divisions, which had been held for later counter-attacks, also have appeared along the front.

British advance troops were reported at one time last night to have reached Saignies, just north of Bapaume, but they were pushed back slightly by an enemy counter-attack. They are reported to be retreating to the town of Behagnies, just to the north, has been wrested from the Germans. The third and fourth British armies have since Aug. 8 captured over 30,000 men. Two thousand were taken yesterday south of the Somme. The British fourth army has captured nearly 6,000 in the past two days. The prisoners counted since Aug. 8 total 20,146 men and 598 officers.

North of the Somme a large number of guns have been captured. They include complete batteries of howitzers and trench mortars. Immediately south of the Somme 12 guns have been taken by the British. South of the Somme 1,000 Germans were killed in the fighting. They were closely huddled in front of the British, instead of being in the customary open order. The allied casualties are very small. Tanks participated heroically in the fighting yesterday, it is reported. One engaged in a duel with an enemy battery and silenced the German guns. Another group of tanks co-operated with a group of airplanes when the latter attacked German anti-tank guns, which had been strategically located at the head of a gully through which the tanks had to go. One tank suffered seven hits, and all the crew was wounded except the pilot, who kept the monster running, finishing off a machine gun nest, and then brought the tank back safely through the fire.

COMPLETE BATTERIES OF HOWITZERS AND TRENCH MORTARS

Have Been Taken By British Just South of the Somme River—They Have Captured 12 Cannon—Haig's Men Are Still Advancing.

With the British Army in France, Aug. 24 (By the Associated Press).—A large number of cannon, including complete batteries of howitzers and trench mortars, have been captured by the British north of the Somme. Immediately south of the river the British have taken 12 cannon. The village of Behagnies, two miles and a half north of Bapaume on the Bapaume-Arras highway, has been reached by the British. British troops are operating east of Bihucourt, within two miles and a half of Bapaume, on the west. British forces are reported to have reached points east of Henin, on the Co-

vigny. It is believed here that the Germans at Chavigny and Juvigny will be forced to retire eastward, abandoning all the ground west of the Soissons-Chavigny high road.

ITALIANS CAPTURE VILLAGE AND HEIGHT

Rivalta and Sasso Stefani on the Brenta Fell Before Their Attack, Says Rome Dispatch.

Rome, Aug. 23.—Italian troops have captured the village of Rivalta and the height of Sasso Stefani, north of Valsugana, on the Brenta, the war office announced.

SUFFICIENT FOOD FOR GERMAN PEOPLE

And They Have Not Yet Reached the Limit of Their Endurance, According to Report by Swedish Journalist to the Associated Press.

Stockholm, Aug. 24.—Germany still is far from starvation or from the limit of its endurance so far as the civilian population is concerned. This is the substance of a report made to the Associated Press by a Swedish journalist who has just returned from an extended stay in Germany and at Marienbad, Bohemia.

In north Germany, particularly in Berlin, there is a marked scarcity of foodstuffs. Nevertheless, there is enough for existence and the restaurants of the better class still serve ample portions of meat without a meat card. The farmers generally still have plenty, even in north Germany.

Conditions improve, the Swedish journalist says, as one goes southward. Conditions in Austria are very bad except for those who receive extra food because they are doing war work. This class is satisfied with conditions, but the rest of the population is longing for peace.

The Swedish journalist doubted the possibility of any successful uprising in Austria. The railroad service in Germany, he declared, although greatly reduced, appears to be as punctual as in times of peace.

Asked what the civilian population thought about the war, the journalist said: "They have stopped talking about it. They talk about food, sports and theatricals. Berlin theatres are filled nightly and the hotels, incidentally, are being redecorated and repainted. I asked the reason for this and was told they were getting ready for the coming peace."

I asked many people what they thought about the recent German reverses. Their replies invariably were: "Hindenburg knows what he is doing. If he goes backward it is because he has an object and not because he has lost. I think this fairly represents the majority opinion."

GERMAN SOLDIERS ARE LOSING HOPE

Do Not Believe That They Can Win a Decisive Victory—American Officers Believe Enemy Will Be Forced to Retire from the Vesle Front.

With the American Army on the Vesle Front, Friday, Aug. 23.—(By Associated Press).—American troops to-day carried out another local advance in the same region where they increased their holdings along the Vesle on Thursday. Hand grenades and flame throwers were used by the Germans in an attempt to check the attackers.

The flame throwers had little effect, the American troops managing to keep out of the way of them until American riflemen and the American artillery had forced the men with the flame throwers to retire with losses. The Americans overcame a detachment of German infantry and took twelve prisoners.

East of Fismes an American patrol and a German patrol clashed during the night, the Americans taking four prisoners. A number of fires were reported late Thursday and during Thursday night within the German lines between the Vesle and Aisne. American officers believe the Germans are burning buildings and war material, which cannot be quickly moved.

FRENCH ARE RESTING AFTER HARD FIGHTING

But Gen. Mangin Has Made Secure His Hold on Left Bank of Ailette River and Gen. Humbert Has Crossed the Divette River.

Paris, Aug. 24.—The French troops on the southern part of the battle line apparently are taking a brief breathing spell after days of continuous fighting under a boiling sun, leaving the British to go ahead with the offensive movement. This is in accordance with the Foch system of striking first on one sector and then on another sector of the line.

The Germans on the part of the front along the Divette, between Lassigny and the Oise appear to be putting up stout resistance, but failed to prevent General Humbert's men from crossing the Divette in force Friday at Evricourt.

Between the Oise and the Aisne, Gen. Mangin has made more secure his hold on the left bank of the Ailette from its confluence with the Oise to Pont-St. Mard, west of Concy-le-Chateau. His right wing continues to work eastward, its object being to clear the region north of Soissons. The troops here already have seized the heights east of Bagnieu and farther north have reached the outskirts of Crecy-aud-Mont. This advance brings them within reach of the main highway from Soissons to Chauny and enables them to threaten with encirclement the strong German force occupying the high ground at Chavigny and Ju-

GERMAN PEOPLE FEAR INVASION

Many Families on the Rhine Are Getting Ready to Leave Their Homes

ALLIED AIRCRAFT WORKING HAVOC

A Dutch Woman Just Back from Germany Says People Expect the Foe to Come

London, Aug. 24.—The German population along the Rhine expects an allied invasion, in the opinion of a Dutch woman of German descent, who has just returned to Amsterdam from a small village near Bonn, on the Rhine. In a statement to the Amsterdam correspondent of the Daily Express she said: "The idea that German soil is to remain inviolate to the last has disappeared completely and on the Rhine everybody expects a foreign invasion sooner or later."

"Many families are preparing to leave for central Germany."

"The ravages of allied aircraft are simply terrific."

FOCH'S AIMS MYSTIFY

Allied Military Experts Comment on His Scheme.

London, Aug. 24.—The ultimate aim of the strategic plan which Marshal Foch is working out in the present series of battles is the subject of much speculation both in London and Paris. Broadly, the military experts are divided into two camps.

Some believe Marshal Foch is striking a number of hammer blows with the object of weakening the enemy numerically and, as regards positions and morale, preparatory to a decisive blow at some absolutely vital spot. Others think the generalissimo at present is endeavoring to disorganize what is really a great German retreat or intention to retreat on large sectors, being content to reap the rich fruits of this disorganization in the shape of big hauls of prisoners and material and to allow later results to guide him in the matter of more decisive action this year.

As regards the latest developments of the fighting in France, one of the most important is the British thrust against Bapaume, the fall of which would be a disaster for the enemy. The desperate German resistance at Achiet-le-Grand, where the main defensive positions of Bapaume were placed, shows that the enemy realized this. Official announcement was made Friday night that British troops were east of Achiet-le-Grand.)

SAYS FUCH HAS FAILED.

German Newspaper Says He Has Not Changed War Situation.

Amsterdam, Aug. 24.—The Vowert of Berlin, commenting on the battles in France, says Marshal Foch has done his best to bring about a change in the war situation in the west, but that he has not succeeded.

Captain Von Salzmann, military critic of the Vossische Zeitung, says: "The defensive battle which now is proceeding against the numerical superiority of our enemies as the result of being strengthened by Americans including negroes, already begins to show the dawn of German victory."

The Frankfort Zeitung says: "Our Bapaume front is firm, and we do not doubt it will remain so as long as it pleases the German command."

The Deutsche Zeitung of Berlin expects a speedy lull in the fighting. The newspaper says: "Lassigny plateau was not conquered by the enemy, but it was evacuated by us for tactical reasons."

ALLIED ARTILLERY EFFECTIVE.

Its Accuracy Is Knocking the Spirit Out of the Germans.

With the French Army in France, Friday, Aug. 23.—(By the Associated Press). Further evidence has been gathered that the victories of the allies have effected considerably the morale of the German troops.

The cause of the depression, which is quite general among the prisoners taken recently, is the conclusion that they have reached, after comparisons, that the allies' artillery tactics are far superior to theirs. They attribute their defeat to the success of the French in encircling their strongest position and in well-directed and concentrated artillery fire. Thus they have been unable to hold even their best sheltered position.

WAR INDUSTRIES STRIPPED.

Germany Calling All Available Men to the Colors.

WILL WIPE OUT BONUS SYSTEM

After Having Refused to Approve Miners' Demand for More Wages

GOVERNMENT PLANS IMPORTANT ACTION

Whether This Means Reduction in Coal Prices Is Uncertain

Washington, D. C., Aug. 24.—Having refused to approve the demands of the coal miners of the country for increased wages as a substitute for the bonuses now being paid by many operators, the fuel administration took steps to-day toward stopping the bonus system. Whether the efforts to force abandonment of the payment of bonuses will take the form of a reduction in coal prices at the mines, as was done yesterday by the fuel administration in an order for a reduction in mouth-of-mine prices in Ohio, was uncertain.

Fuel Administrator Garfield characterized the bonus system as an evil and as such he said its elimination did not justify an increase in wages to miners.

GOVERNMENT LOSING ON THE RAILROADS

In June There Was an Aggregate Deficit of \$58,959,000 in Operating Income

Said to Be Due to Back Payment of Wage Increases.

Washington, D. C., Aug. 24.—Owing largely to large back payments of wage increases, the railroads under federal control in June reported an aggregate deficit of \$58,959,000 in railway operating income as compared with positive earnings of \$8,900,000 in June, 1917.

This reduced the total operating income for the six months of government operation ending with June to \$173,194,000 as compared with \$468,203,000 in the corresponding period of last year.

These figures, compiled by the interstate commerce commission and announced to-day, show that the government has lost about \$390,000,000 in operation of railroads during the first six months this year.

The wage payments in June under Director General McAdoo's order, as reported by 164, or about three-fourths of the first class roads, amounted to \$133,000,000. Without this added expense the railroads in June would have earned \$74,084,000.

EMPTY TROOP TRAIN STRUCK LOCOMOTIVE

A Fireman Was Killed and Two Other Trainmen Were Injured Near Jersey City Heights.

New York, Aug. 24.—A trainman was killed and two others slightly injured when an empty troop train, westbound from Hoboken on the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western railroad, crashed into a light engine near Jersey City Heights early this morning.

Edward Ericson, fireman, of Scranton, Pa., was killed. The injured are H. Bookheimer, engineer, and Cortie Biessecker, brakeman, both of Scranton.

TO EMPLOY EXPERT ACCOUNTANT

To Investigate Office of the Vermont State Auditor.

The monthly meeting of the state board of control took place Friday afternoon and evening in the executive chambers of the State House with a full board attending. The board authorized the employment of a reputable, certified expert accountant to be selected outside the state to make a thorough investigation of the office of auditor of accounts.

Dr. Whitney, who is now connected with the state laboratory, will be employed six hours a week in instruction in the medical college of the University of Vermont, owing to the extra war work. The board also authorized the printing of certain reports which included that of the bank commissioner.

HOWE IS IMPROVING.

Candidate for Governor Will Be Out of Hospital Next Week.

The condition of Frank E. Howe of Bennington, candidate for governor, is improving, and his physician feels sure now that, unless he gets a setback, early next week will see him leaving the hospital. He has been doing very well this week. Of course, some of the campaigning that has taken place in the last week has annoyed him. The delegation who waited upon him early in the week relative to his withdrawing from the drive to represent the republican party met little success.

A FEW VACANCIES IN TEACHING FORCE

But They Are Expected to Be Filled Before the Opening of Barre's Public Schools on Sept. 10.

Although there are a few vacancies yet to be filled, the city schools will reopen Sept. 10, and by that time it is expected that all positions will have been filled. Spaulding high school will have a large enrollment, and the usual preparations for enrolling many six-year-olds in the grades have been made. Supt. C. H. White, who has been passing the summer in Walden, will be in Barre next week, after attending a conference of school superintendents at Lyndonville. Principal Lyman C. Hunt, who resigned his position at the head of Peoples academy in Morrisville to succeed Henry H. Jackson at Spaulding, has established his home in Barre already. Mr. Jackson took up his new duties in the home office of the National Life Insurance company at Montpelier in July.

It would be idle to say that the schools of Barre have not felt the shortage of teachers this year, yet the school commission, with the superintendent, has been rather more fortunate than otherwise in filling vacancies. Now, at the eleventh hour, there are a few openings because teachers who originally intended to teach in Barre this year, having passed the civil service examinations, are now in government service. The high school faculty will have the following personnel: Principal, L. C. Hunt; Mary T. Archibald of Rutland, Stella M. Brooks of Barre, Julia C. Carter of Vergennes, Hazel P. Cobb of Hardwick, Clara M. Gardner of Fair Haven, Esther L. Houghton of Springfield, Mass., Ruth Ladd of Boston, Faith B. Linsley of Middlebury, Harry C. Mudgett of Brandon, LeMay Ryan of Dryden, N. Y., Fairfax Sherburne of Pomfret, Eva G. Smith of Barre, Mary L. Tomasi of Barre.

Miss May L. Wallace of Richford is to continue as musical director and Miss Fanny G. Perry remains as instructor in drawing. Other positions are filled as follows:

Spaulding grade 8: Sadie A. Boyce, Bertha M. Burgin, Nellie J. Perrin, Alice M. Strathern, Florence A. Wooster. Ayers street school: Alice L. Harvey, Clara B. Dodge, Ruby L. Bradley, Eldusta H. Ramage.

Lincoln school: Mary L. Wheeler, Winifred Warner, Margaret A. Ritchie, Ruth V. Sowden, Leola B. Stacey.

Matheson school: Sadie B. Huntington, Eleanor Bailey, Alice V. Healy, Mary P. Jackson, M. Grace Ingalls, Beulah C. Bates, Mabel W. Chandler, Ellen M. Lackey, J. Florence Holland, Coralie Batchelder, Eleanor E. Sweet, Hattie L. Tillotson.

Summer street: Susan M. Collins, Margaret A. Doherty, Susan E. Corser, R. B. Brook street school: Theresa R. Bianchi, Emma M. McDonald, Grace E. McKinstry, Judith R. Haines, Alice P. Blanchard, Louise Watt.

North Barre school: Edith Smith, Gertrude A. Brady, Antoinette J. White, N. Lowessa Holt, Julia T. O'Hagan, L. Lavone Skinner, Anna H. Billings, Arlene M. Jeffords.

Ward 5 school: Kathleen C. Gilfeather, Mary E. Jordan, Cora G. Roberts, Wilhelmina W. Walker.

DIED AT AGE OF 85.

Mrs. Hannah J. Russell, Mother of Mrs. George Hoyt of Barre.

The death of Mrs. Hannah J. Russell of 115 Summer street occurred at her home about 2:30 o'clock this morning, following an illness of only a few days. Mrs. Russell, who has made her home with her daughter, Mrs. George Hoyt, during the past ten years, contracted a severe case of the grip last spring and after seemingly having recovered from all ill effects, was again taken ill with a hard cold. Her condition was not considered serious until Wednesday morning, when she was confined to her bed.

Mrs. Russell was born in Cork, Ireland, June 16, 1833, one of a family of eight children. In her early years, she attended the sisters' school at the Ursuline convent at Cork, where she later, together with her sister, Mary, was engaged as a teacher in the sewing department. Her oldest brother, Michael, died the year of his ordination to the priesthood, while her younger brother, John, was lost at sea during a voyage taken on a vacation from his duties as a student lawyer.

She was married on Feb. 22, 1854, to Timothy Russell in New York City, where Mr. Russell made his home at that time. After their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Russell moved to New London, Conn., where they resided for about 10 years, after which they removed to Vinal Haven, Me., where the former died about 24 years ago. After her husband's death, Mrs. Russell came to this city and has made her home with her daughter, her only surviving relative, during several years. A grandson, Lieut. Russell Hoyt is in the medical corps of the U. S. army.

Mrs. Russell was a woman of excellent character. She was a faithful adherent of the Catholic church and a good friend to a large circle, who mourn her departure. She was an excellent sewing mistress.

No funeral arrangements have as yet been made, although the services will be held at the Catholic church. The remains of Mrs. Russell will be placed in a lot at Thomaston, Me., where her brother-in-law, Edward Russell is buried. It is requested that flowers be omitted.

LABOR DAY AT EAST RANDOLPH.

Music, Speaking, Sports, Dancing and Sale—All Proceeds to Red Cross.

East Randolph, Aug. 24.—This village is preparing for a big time on Labor day with an all-day celebration with the entire proceeds for the benefit of the Red Cross. There will be music by the Middle Valley band, addresses by two members of the national Red Cross, sports, and a dance. At noon a hot boiled dinner will be served in Woodmen hall and at 7:30 there will be an auction sale of fancy and useful articles. The games and sports will begin at 9:30 a. m. and concert at 1:30 and dance for old and young at 8 in the evening. Ice cream and refreshments at all hours.

CHINESE TROOPS ON WAY.

They Are Going to Vladivostok to Join the Allies.

MAN-POWER BILL NEARLY ENACTED

House Has Defeated Most of the Proposed Amendments

SENATE STILL HAS "WORK OR FIGHT"

Bill as Now Drawn Fixes the Draft Limits at 18 and 45

Washington, D. C., Aug. 24.—Enactment before night in both the House and Senate of the administration man-power bill with its provision fixing the new draft age limits at 18 and 45 years, appeared probable early to-day in the opinion of leaders. The House having defeated most of the amendments to the war department draft of the bill virtually was ready for the final vote. In the Senate a number of amendments remained including the "work or fight" proposal designed to prevent strikes during the war.

NOT DECEIVING PEOPLE AT HOME

U. S. Government Is Not Withholding Big American Losses, Says General March to Newspaper Men.

Washington, D. C., Aug. 24.—Members of the Senate military committee were assured by General March at their weekly conference to-day that stories of great unpublished American casualties overseas are wholly false and that all casualties among the expeditionary forces are given to the public as promptly as the cables can transmit them.

The chief of staff, without discussing in detail the great allied forward movement now under way, said the situation on the western front was decidedly favorable to the allies.

Further improvements in the shipping situation was noted and General March said the program of transporting troops to France was going ahead without change.

FLAG PLACED IN COFFIN.

At Funeral of C. S. Larkin, a Civil War Veteran.

Neighbors and other friends joined relatives in paying tribute to the memory of Charles S. Larkin, a veteran of the war between the states, whose death at his home, 108 South Main street, occurred suddenly Tuesday afternoon. The funeral was held at the house Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock, Rev. James Ramage, pastor of the East Barre Congregational church, officiating. Patriotic orders represented at the service included R. B. Crandall post, No. 56, G. A. R., and Col. J. B. Meade circle, ladies of the G. A. R. Members of the Grand Army, with which the deceased was affiliated, acted as honorary bearers, the escort being composed of B. P. Willey, John T. Averill, George W. Hut, A. S. Parkhurst, Nathan Harrington, George I. Beckley and Albert Wood. The bearers were relatives of Mr. Larkin, as follows: Maynard L. Kiser of Schenectady, N. Y., Fred Cutts of Newport, N. H., and Harley D. Stevens, sons-in-law, Fred E. Cutts, Charles Peake and Jesse Phelps, nephews of the deceased. One of the impressive features of the service was the flag ceremony, in which Mrs. Abbie S. Willey, representing the ladies of the G. A. R., placed a siltken stars and stripes across the folded hands of the deceased soldier. There were many floral tributes.

Interment was made in the family lot at Hope cemetery.

FUNERAL OF MRS. BUCHANAN.

Was Held at Home of Her Daughter on Elm Street.

The funeral of Mrs. Jennie (Glover) Buchanan, whose death at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Walter Emory, 58 Elm street, Wednesday forenoon at the age of 88 removed one of the oldest Scotchwomen in Barre, was held at the house Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock. The occasion brought together a very large number of Mrs. Buchanan's friends. Rev. Edgar Crossland, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, where the deceased was long an attendant, was the officiating clergyman. The bearers were: William Cole, of Orange street, John Stewart, Gordon Watson, Forrest R. Chaple, John Kennedy and O. J. Dodge. Many flowers were contributed. Interment was made in Elmwood cemetery.

CANNOT FAVOR SPAIN.

That Is Reported to Be Gist of German Reply on Ship Seizure.

London, Aug. 24.—Germany's reply to Spain's announcement as to submarine warfare, which is reported to have been sent, says such a procedure on the part of Spain as was indicated in the instructions to the Spanish ambassador at Berlin might possibly result in the severance of relations between the countries, according to a Copenhagen dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph company. The note declares, however, that Germany is ready to consider limiting the operations of submarines outside of the danger zone.

It is said Germany has informed Spain that she cannot render any guarantee in this respect and cannot treat Spain in an exceptional way.

TRAFFIC SERIOUSLY AFFECTED.

By Strike of Motormen and Conductors in New York.

New York, Aug. 24.—Traffic on all branches of the Third avenue railway system was seriously affected to-day by a strike of 500 motormen and conductors, in an attempt to force recognition of the union.

Cases Entered in County Court.

The following suits have been entered in Washington county court: F. J. Robinson vs. Oliver Fort, general assumpsit; Hallett & Davis Piano Co. vs. R. G. Robinson, trover.